

Participants

American Forest Resource Council: Matt Comisky, Lawson Fite; **Chelan County:** Bob Bugert, Mike Kaputa; **Colville Tribal Sort Yard:** ABSENT; **Conservation Northwest:** Kathleen Gobush; **Lake Wenatchee Fire Adapted Community:** Jim Passage; **Okanogan Conservation District:** Lorah Super; **Okanogan County:** Chris Branch; **Okanogan Wenatchee NF:** Kristin Bail, Teri Tucker; **The Nature Conservancy:** Lloyd McGee; **The Wilderness Society:** Mike Anderson; **Trout Unlimited:** ABSENT; **Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board:** Melody Kreimes, Ryan Niemeyer, Pete Teigen, Sarah Walker (facilitator); **Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co:** ABSENT; **Washington Department of Natural Resources:** Jen Watkins; **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:** Lynda Hoffman; **Yakama Nation:** ABSENT.

Regular Business

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Branch opened the meeting and welcomed participants. Sarah walked through the meeting objectives, draft January 8, 2020 meeting summary and tasking memo. Any incomplete Tasking Memo items will be carried over for tracking purposes.

Approval of Meeting Summary

Members approved the March 4, 2020 NCWFHC SC meeting summary. The final will be posted on the NCWFHC website: <https://www.ncwfhc.org/>

OWNF Project/ Process/ Proposal Updates

UWPP

Patrick summarized the status of stand modeling and rough schedule for model revisions. Outreach coordination with OWNF is ongoing. The UCSRB/ Nicole can support virtual tour, remote meetings, etc.

Participants discussed if and how OWNF staff time expended on UWPP is being tracked. OWNF does not track according to project; however, staff could informally track time they spend on the UWPP. The Partnership Plan contains the estimate of USFS investments. Participants can re-review the UWPP Partnership Plan to help frame up future discussion about this topic.

CCNRD is in the process of selecting a consultant to perform UWPP survey work that will be funded through the DNR Cross-Boundary grant. Currently, work is still on track for this year.

OWNF 5-year Plan, FY21 POW Process

The 5-year Plan update process is ongoing, but the timeline may shift due to COVID-19. District Rangers are reviewing 5-year Plan priorities for FY21 in addition to NCWFHC/partner requests for project support and developing work orders. The work orders help prioritize District and overall OWNF projects, balance staffing time commitments and help identify additional resource needs to support the FY21 UPOW. The deadline for Work Orders was March 19 but there is some flexibility still given COVID-19 so communicate your FY21 project priorities to District staff asap. The FY21 update will be used to update the 5-year Plan, which is a living document (rolling 5-year period).

The NCWFHC should continue collaborating with OWNF and DNR to maintain alignment on Shared Stewardship priorities moving forward. WDFW is the third party to the MOU so alignment across all three entities' priorities should be considered.

District-Staffing-Admin Changes

Planned shifts in RD-staffing resources will affect the 5-year Plan update. The FLT meeting schedule has been affected by COVID-19. The planned 2-day meeting is now 1 day remote and may become ½ day only. The OWNF wants to be able to identify any holes in capacity that planned District transfer/consolidation/staffing shifts could produce and articulate any needs to R6. Filling key vacancies in the SO to refill operational capacity is also a goal.

CFLRP Tier 2 Update

The RAC has a quorum so the national review team is in place. No decisions were planned before May and that was prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. No additional funding is expected for FY20 but FY21 opportunities are possible. Tom DeMaeo is seeking feedback on the collaborative process used for CFLRP proposal development.

May Quarterly/Annual Field Trip Planning

The Co-Chairs solicited feedback from the SC about a May Quarterly meeting and an Annual Field Trip considering COVID-19. Members discussed options for a later UWPP tour that includes outreach to select Congressional and Legislative representatives including: Congresswoman Schrier and Congressman Newhouse and State Legislators; Senator Hawkins, Representative Goehner, Representative Steele. An invitation from Congressman Newhouse and Congresswoman Schrier could potentially engage participation of Forest Supervisor Vicki Christansen.

Members agreed to hold a shortened, remote May Quarterly meeting and identified initial topics: Mission Project Draft EA, Mission Litigation, UWPP Draft EA, Tonasket RD Transfer, August Tour.

Members agreed to coordinate the UWPP Annual Tour around the August Quarterly or in early August, depending on key invitees' schedules.

Mission Project Litigation

Lawson walked the group through the current claims and filing, litigation timelines. AFRC legal counsel can provide support to the NCWFHC, its members if they wish to engage as either Intervenor(s) or *amici*. Any Member wishing to intervene would need to plan to file by the beginning of June. An *amicus* brief would need to be filed between August 21 and August 28, 2020. Members provided updates on discussions they had held with their respective legal counsel/staff to date. Members discussed *amicus* brief and member-legal counsel coordination options moving forward to the May Quarterly meeting. With multiple briefs coordination will be important so that each presents a unique perspective and content is complementary, but not repetitive. Member entities/individuals should not be concerned about retaliatory legal action if they join an *amicus* brief, as there is no realistic scenario of liability.

***The next NCWFHC Quarterly will be held REMOTELY on May 6.
Please retain 10am-3pm as a time placeholder, to be shorted soon.***

TASKING MEMO

DUE DATE	TASK	ASSIGNED TO
ASAP	Communicate any priority FY21 projects, support needs to District Ranger(s)	SC Members and partners
By Friday, April 3	Follow-up with Yakama Nation re: Mission Project	Sarah Walker/UCSRB
By Friday, April 10	Follow-up with Teri re: current version of Partnership Plan and distribute	Patrick Haggerty/CCD
By May 6 Quarterly	Strategize and coordinate re: preparation of <i>Amicus</i> briefs	Chelan and Okanogan County representative and legal counsels; AFRC legal counsel; TWS, CNW members and legal counsels; other members
By May 6 Quarterly	Reach out to staff of select federal and state delegates re: ability of senators/representatives to participate in early August tour of UWPP	Bob Bugert/Chelan County and Cathy Baker/TNC
By May 6 Quarterly	Coordinate re: potential invitation to Vicki Christiansen to attend in August event	Bob Bugert, Cathy Baker, Kristin Bail/OWNF
By May 6 Quarterly	Identify any R6 staff on the CFLRP proposal national selection committee	Teri Tucker/OWNF
If You Wish	Provide feedback to Tom DeMaeo on the region's CFLRP proposal development/coordination process	SC Members and partners